



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## Monterey Park City Council Acts to Decrease Abandoned Shopping Carts

*City reminds shoppers that it is a violation of state law to remove carts from store premises*

Monterey Park, Calif. – April 15, 2014 -- The Monterey Park City Council approved several actions to strengthen enforcement efforts to decrease abandoned shopping carts citywide. Shopping carts abandoned on public and private property are not only an eyesore and public nuisance, but also constitute a safety hazard to pedestrian and vehicle traffic; reduce property values; and impact the quality of life in the community.

A public outreach effort such as a "Do Not Remove the Cart" campaign will include signs in multiple languages placed at entrances and exits of stores will remind patrons that removing shopping carts is a violation of state law. To assist in the collection of carts, residents can report abandoned carts via the city website at [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov) or via the city's [GoMPK mobile app](#).

To address the shopping cart issue, five provisions were added to Monterey Park Municipal Code, Section 9.74 relating to Shopping Cart Containment and Retrieval Plans and Abatement of Shopping Cart Nuisance:

- Three languages, English, Chinese and Spanish are required on all signs, including cart identification
- Retrieval times were doubled for pick-up of carts to four times a day throughout neighborhoods
- Markets with six or more shopping carts would be required to obtain the services of a professional retrieval company if they cannot contain their carts on the premises
- A nuisance abatement fee was added to cover the cost of city staff who remove and store abandoned shopping carts of markets that do not have an approved cart retrieval plan
- A fine for individuals in possession of shopping carts without permission from the market.

Also included in the amended code were provisions for minimum standards of shopping carts for appearance, safety and a uniform identification color.

The public is asked to assist the city in making Monterey Park a safer and more attractive community. To report abandoned shopping carts, residents can visit the city website at [www.montereypark.ca.gov](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov), use the [GoMPK mobile app](#) or contact the [Community and Economic Development Department](#) at 626-307-1415.

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